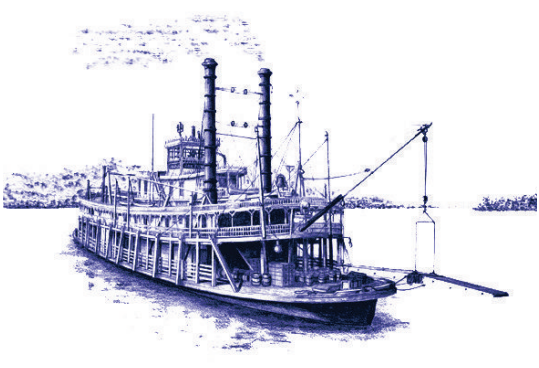


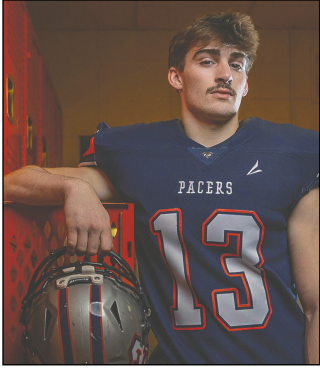


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Draft of new UDO introduced to Council, city boards

BY BOB DEMAREE

A draft of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Madison was presented Wednesday to members of City Council, Board of Public Works and Safety, Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The focus is on updating the city's zoning ordinance that Amy Williams, principal with Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group, said dates back to 1988 with the last major updates in 2016. She said the subdivision

standards were set in 1997.

"This kicks off a multi-month process" of review, said Mayor Bob Courtney. "There is lots of opportunity for public input along way" that includes a public open house on the proposed UDO from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall.

Williams said the city's zoning needs to be updated because "there are a lot things that are not clear in the current zoning document including a lot of the setbacks. She

said the city's current zoning ordinance "lacks direction on key regulations" that makes them difficult to interpret.

"Some things are confusing and hard to find, and there are things that are inconsistent with state statute," she said, particularly noting state manufactured home regulations that she said have changed significantly in recent years.

"These new regulations will provide clear direction, and will be consistent for everybody too. Every application

is treated equally, and there is predictability in the process," said Williams, adding there will be "modern land uses, modern practices, modern standards, and user friendly too" in a UDO that will include illustrations and charts.

The UDO will also put zoning and subdivision regulations all in one document. "We want to streamline it in an appropriate manner so that you still have very clear directions so that you're not getting overwhelmed ... It shouldn't take

a lawyer, an engineer or a surveyor to figure this out for you," she said.

The proposed UDO will leave some of the district names unchanged while providing new names for others. Low density residential, which is currently R4, will become R1 which Williams said has now become the standard for that usage. Medium density residential, currently R8, will become R2. High density residential, currently R32, will become R3.

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BRUSHED BY WINTER



Bob Demaree

This week's snowfall brushed downtown Madison with a estimated 4-inch layer of winter frosting, making for some picturesque scenery including the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site, one of the venues on the Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes from 5-9 p.m. Friday and 3-9 p.m. Saturday. The tour includes six private homes, Dr. William Hutchings Office and Museum, the Masonic Schofield House, the Railroad Museum and the African Episcopal Methodist Church.



Bob Demaree

A squirrel scurries up a tree on Tuesday to get out of the snow — or perhaps find a nut deposited earlier — after an overnight winter storm Monday brought an estimated four inches of snow to Madison.



Bob Demaree

The George DeBaptiste bust, installed at Ohio River Legacy Park just over one year ago was iced by Monday night's snowfall while standing sentry for its second winter at that location.

Hanover OKs interlocal agreement on building inspector

BY BOB DEMAREE

Hanover Town Council approved an interlocal agreement with the county Tuesday that will utilize Jefferson County Building Inspector Josh Cline to conduct building inspections for Hanover.

The Commissioners had approved the interlocal agreement at their meeting on Nov. 18.

With both sides now in agreement, the Council set plans to move forward with the agreement effective Jan. 1, with the town agreeing to pay \$25,000 annually to the county to provide that service to Hanover.

In addition to Cline doing building inspections for the town, the agreement also provides that the county will assist with flood plain management enforcement and collect town permitting fees to be held in a separate account for dispersal to Hanover.

In other business, the Council:

- Approved by a 3-1 vote spending \$235,000 from the sub agreement for the town's historic corridor revitalization funds for the house at 227 East Main Street. The yes votes were by Debbie Kroger, Jane Stormer and Tim Buxton.

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CHARLIE'S BEAT

East Coast natives embrace the Madison lifestyle

I had the pleasure of attending a meeting this morning and sitting next to a very interesting gentleman from Salem, Indiana. He is a successful businessman, and he is contemplating an investment in a new venture here in Madison. (Complete details in the Courier, if the deal goes through). But during our conversation, he struck a very familiar refrain. "I've been spending a lot of time over here, and I'm not gonna lie ... I wouldn't mind moving to Madison!"

The quality of life here is something special."

If I've heard it once I've heard it a thousand times now. People get a taste and they want the whole meal! Those of us who are either natives or were able to get in when the getting was good should count ourselves lucky. Do not take Madison for granted, and do what you can to keep the magic alive.

Which offers a nice segue to the subject of today's column. Robert and Judy Staicer are East Coast natives, by way of Long Island, New York, and New England. They met in 2015 and became a couple soon after. Judy is the sister of John Staicer, the director of Historic Madison Inc. They, like so many before and since, fell in love with our town and



ROBERT AND JUDY STAICER

decided to make it home.

"John moved to Madison in 1992," explains Judy. "He was hired to do the restoration on the Saddletree property. Of course, when that project was done he and Maureen never left Madison, why would they? So that meant Robert and I were visiting here a lot over the years, for holidays and vacations."

At this point Robert (who also uses the last name Schwartz outside of his coupled life with Judy) picked up the story. "John and Maureen were out on a

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Mundt, Harris, Cutshaw to lead Madison Police

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney issued the oath of office to the next slate of leaders at Madison Police Department during Tuesday’s meeting of Madison City Council.

Courtney made official the appointments of three MPD veterans to the highest leadership positions in the department as Rick Mundt was promoted from interim chief to Chief of Madison Police and Ricky Harris and Kyle Cutshaw — both detectives — were promoted to major and will serve as co-assistant chiefs.

Immediately after the meeting Courtney issued a press release expanding on his decision to promote the three officers and his reasoning for naming co-assistants.

“Chief Mundt has served our community with dedication and professionalism for 30 years,” said the mayor. “His knowledge of our department, leadership experience, and commitment to Madison make him the right person to guide our police department forward.”

“Ricky Harris and Kyle Cutshaw have been strong leaders within our department,” Courtney added. “Their promotions reflect their hard work, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to serving our community. The two-major structure, unique to Madison, will complement Chief Mundt’s leadership of the department.”

Mundt, a Ball State University graduate with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice/criminology, began his career with MPD in July 1995 has held numerous leadership



Handout

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney (from left) issued the oath of office to Madison Police Department's new leadership team — Kyle Cutshaw, Rick Mundt and Ricky Harris — at Tuesday city council meeting. Mundt will serve as chief while Harris and Cutshaw were both promoted to major and will serve as co-assistant chiefs.

positions and led dozens of operations both investigative and administrative with regard to community safety and officer safety.

Harris attended Vincennes University, where he earned an associate degree in law enforcement studies. He graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy with academic honors in 2007 and served first at the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and at MPD since 2009 most recently as a Detective Sergeant worked the department’s most high-level investigations, including murder, armed robbery, sexual assaults, and

child abuse and neglect as well as assignment to the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force joint federal and state initiative and the department’s Emergency Response Team.

Cutshaw graduated from of Ball State University in 2010 before moving to Columbia, South Carolina, where he began his law enforcement career with the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services. He graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in April 2012. Cutshaw then joined the Madison Police Department in

2014 where he was promoted to detective in August 2018 and, like Harris, has handled a wide range of major investigations, including murder, attempted murder, crimes against children, and narcotics cases. He is also a current member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the department’s Emergency Response Team.

In other business, the council:

- Confirmed five board appointments by the mayor and approved three council appointments.

Courtney actually provided a list updating his most recent appoint-

ments as confirmed by city council including:

Aviation Board — Eric Obsstuth
Police Merit Board — Bill Andrews
Parks Board — Carla Krebs
Jefferson County Board of Tourism — Trevor Crafton
Miss Madison — Kyle Bipes, Tim Bipes, Andrew Forrester and Tony Steinhardt

Historic District Board of Review — Chris Cody, Bill Jewell and Jared Anderson (approved Tuesday)

Public Arts Board — Greg Goodnight and David Terrell (approved Tuesday)

The Council also made three appointments including Laura Lawson to the PACE Committee and Matt Chandler and Renie Stephans to the Jefferson County Board of Tourism.

- Adopted two resolutions related to end-of-year fund transfers.

- Discussed ongoing operations of the Winter Warming Shelter at the Salvation Army in downtown Madison. The shelter is in need of more volunteers who can complete the training and staff the two shifts required for overnight operation especially if ongoing cold weather continues to require nightly operation. The facility needs six volunteers per night.

- Was informed that the bid opening for construction and development of Damon Welch Park is scheduled for Dec. 18.

- Heard a report from Code Enforcement Officer Duey O’Neal on the city’s vacant and unsafe structures similar to one he presented to the Board of Public Works and Safety last month.

Former Trimble sheriff accepts plea agreement

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Former Trimble County Sheriff Charles Kelton, who was arrested and charged with sexual abuse and official misconduct for an incident while in office, has accepted a plea deal in that case.

Kelton, 53, of Bedford, was accused of grabbing the female victim’s hip and pulling her against him despite her physically and verbally rejecting his advances on Feb. 21, 2025. The incident happened while Kelton was on duty in uniform and in the woman’s office at the Trimble County Attorney’s Office. He had turned himself in to the

Oldham County Jail on Nov. 1 after a warrant was issued for his arrest, charging him with first-degree sexual abuse and official misconduct.

Kelton pleaded guilty on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Under terms of that plea agreement, the sexual abuse charge was amended to harassment with physical contact and the official misconduct while in office charge was dismissed.

Kelton was sentenced to 45 days jail but will not have to serve that time if he does not violate any terms

of the plea for two years. Conditions of Kelton’s probation include not breaking any more laws or having contact with the victim.

A former Kentucky State Police trooper assigned to Trimble County for more than 17 years, Kelton had served as Trimble’s Sheriff since being appointed in March 2017 to serve the unexpired term of the late Tim Coons, who had died in office. Kelton announced his retirement earlier this year, effective June 30, after serving that term and being elected twice to the office.



Charles Kelton

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings Dec. 2, 2025

Jerry L. Bennett, 61, Deputy, Indiana, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$10,000 cash.

Todd Walter Anthony Chapman, 39, Madison, for Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$500 cash. Also held on a 15-day hold. No bond.

Marie Ellis, 41, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; and Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Lillian Kay Fulton, 19, Deputy, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$10,000 cash.

Dereck Ray Gotts, 44, Madison, for Criminal Trespass, a Level 6 felony; and on a warrant for probation violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Joanne Michelle Gotts, 48, Madison, for Criminal Trespass, a Level 6 felony; and on a warrant for failure to appear. No bond.

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Jose Luis Cruz-Cortes, 33, for Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Released on own recognition.

Stanley Michael Freeman, Hanover, on a warrant for probation violation. Bond \$10,000 cash.

Tyler Wayne Handlon, 30, Madison, on a warrant to hold for Bartholomew County, Indiana, for failure to appear. No bond.

Michael K. Jester, 64, Milton, Kentucky, on multiple Jefferson County warrants for failure to appear. No bond.

Charles Tilford Johnson III, 22, on an out of state hold warrant for Kentucky. No bond.

Terry W. Swafford, 59, for Communication-Intimidation, a Level 5 felony. No bond.

David Eugene Thacker, 56, Louisville, for Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs. No bond.

Dec. 4, 2025

Stephanie Cox, 53, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Obstruction of Justice, both Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.

Lee James Smith, 47, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation vio-

lation. Bond \$2,500 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings Dec. 1, 2025

James R. Gividen, 28, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail and \$189 court costs.

Katreasha Irene Graves, 43, Madison, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 2 days jail, fully executed and served, plus \$189 court costs.

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Dewell Zachary Scott Kirby, 41, Fountaintown, Indiana, to an amended charge of Auto Theft of an Entire Vehicle, a Level 6 felony. Defendant admits to being a habitual felony offender. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, enhanced by 1,095 days, fully executed, with credit for 368 days jail served, but consecutive to balance of 730 days on prior conviction of Battery Against a Public Safety Official, a Level 6 felony. No contact order to remain in effect, restitution awarded in the amount of \$2,200 in favor of Amanda Hatfield and \$189 in court costs.

Christy A. Orwig, 58, Madison, to an amended charge of Failure to Make or Keep a Controlled Substance Record, a Level 6 felony sentenced as Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 2 days jail, served, plus \$189 court costs.

Ernest Dean Sproles, Madison, for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with 10 days executed, and 170 days suspended to 300 days supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs.

Garrett Briar Schlichtkrull, 31, Hanover, to amended charges of Resisting Law Enforcement-Vehicle, Battery Against a Public Safety Official, Intimidation and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Prior Conviction Within 7 Years, all Level 6 felonies; and Criminal Mischief, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felonies and 180 days jail on the misdemeanor, concurrent, with credit for 286 days jail served and driver’s license suspended for 730 days consecutive to 365 days with interlock requirement plus \$589.50 in fees and court costs.

Katelin Elizabeth Hope Kessler, 31, Otisco, Indiana, to amended charges of

Possession of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession of Syringe, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed but concurrent, with credit for 258 days jail served plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

Jessica Danielle Lewis, 34, North Vernon, Indiana, to an amended charge of Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 160 days jail served, plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Derek A. Wood, 34, Hanover, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 2 days jail served and 728 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$989 in fees and court costs.

Dylan Harley Riggs, 22, Madison, to an amended charge of Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation but consecutive to revocation of balance of 530 days suspended sentence on prior conviction for Criminal Confinement and Domestic Battery, both Level 6 felonies. Defendant to pay restitution to the City of Madison Street Department in an amount to be determined plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Will J. Newby Jr., 26, Bedford, Kentucky, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days to Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 110 days jail served and 450 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$639 in fees and court costs and terms of no contact order modified.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS Jefferson County Dec. 1, 2025

Lacie Helton to Joseph Helton, 3980 North Pearl Street, Deputy.

Adam St. Louis to Central Hldings LLC, 911 West Walnut Street, Madison.

Glenna D. Toliver to Kylie Liddle (trustee) and Toliver Family Trust, 413 Bel-laire Drive, Madison.

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Callie J. Noble to John D. Noble, 254 Thornton Road, Hanover.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 5

Ashlee Hafer

Dec. 6

Darrell Henderson

Dawn Jines

Don McCauley

Dec. 9

Denise Buxton

Dec. 11

Keith Howard

Amy Stivers

Kevin Watkins

Dec. 13

Bill Poindexter

ANNIVERSARIES

None

Lotteries

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto 9-22-25-26-29-37 (12/3). Estimated Jackpot: \$7.5 million. Next Drawing (12/6)

Cash Five: 15-18-27-32-39 (12/3)

Cash 4 Life: 3-9-10-29-47 CB: 1 (12/3)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 8-9-16-29 CB: 12 (12/3)

Lucky For Life: 20-21-22-41-43 LB: 17 (12/3)

MEGAMILLIONS: 17-25-26-53-60 MB: 16 (12/2). One winning ticket sold in New Jersey drawn for Tuesday’s \$90 million jackpot. Next Jackpot: \$50 million. Next Drawing (12/5)

POWERBALL: 1-14-20-46-51 PB: 26, PP 3 (12/3). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$820 million. Next Drawing (12/6)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 9-31-35-37-58 PB: 11 (12/3). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (12/6)



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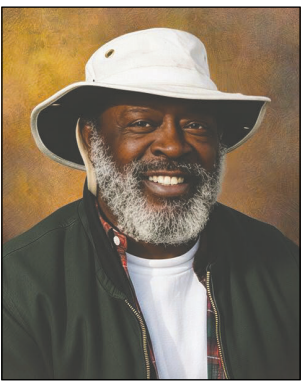
OBITUARIES

James 'JH' Harold Lee Sr.

James "JH" Harold Lee Sr., age 75 of Madison, IN, entered this life on July 10, 1950, in Terre Haute, IN. He was the loving son of the late John William, Sr. and Margaret Mae English Lee. He was raised and schooled in Terre Haute.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Cookie" Cox for 12 years and this union was blessed to raise five children, James H. Jr., Michaelynn "Miki" Adraniese, Steven R., Melissa, and Maurice. He learned the electrical trade and became a lineman. He had been a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers since 1984 and retired from Lineco as a lineman. He resided in Norwalk, CA, from 1984 - 2007 and had lived in Madison, the past 18 years. He was of the Christian faith, and enjoyed socializing, and loved cars. James died on Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025, at 9:15 p.m., at the Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, IN.

James will be missed by his sons, James H. Lee, Jr. and his wife, Lindsay of Madison, IN, and Maurice Lee of CO; his daughter, Melissa Lee Miller of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, Raven, Jaylin, Jayme, Jayda, and Nigel Wells; several brothers and sisters; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father John William Lee, Sr., his mother Margaret Mae



English Lee; his second wife Guadalupe Plazoba Lee, died Dec. 27, 2002; his daughter, Michaelynn "Miki" Adraniese Lee, died July 4, 1992; his son, Steven R. Lee, died Feb. 10, 2017; his brothers David and Oliver; and his sisters Patricia and Delores.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Jeffrey Pflug at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Springdale Cemetery, 600 West Fifth Street in downtown Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Faith Lutheran Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

David Emerson Brooks, 56, of North Vernon, passed away Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025, at Arbor Grove Greensburg, IN. Born May 1st, 1969, in Madison, IN. He was the son of Emerson and Sheila (Petty) Brooks.

David had a deep love for dogs, and he shared a special bond with everyone he cared for. He was a passionate sports fan, finding joy in NASCAR, IU basketball, and truly any sport he could watch or talk about. He loved spending time with family, and friends, and being able to cut up with anyone he befriended.

Throughout his life,

David Emerson Brooks

David was known for his remarkably positive attitude, even when faced with adversity. He fought a long and courageous battle with Muscular Dystrophy, yet he never lost his spirit, his sense of humor, or his unwavering faith. He inspired everyone around him by choosing hope, gratitude, and kindness, every single day.

David made North Vernon his home and was deeply connected to the people around him. His humility, warmth, and easygoing nature touched countless lives. He will be remembered for his generosity, resilience, and the simple but powerful way

he cared for those he loved.

David is survived by his parents Emerson and Sheila (Petty) Brooks, Sister Amber (Russell) Redicker, Nieces Kylee Walters (Dakota Ponsler), Lauren Walters (Eligh Gabbard-Heitz), Brooklyn Walters and Emma Redicker. Several aunts and uncles, Rosalin and Steve Childress, Wilma and Rick Tschaenn, Roger and Becky Brooks, Kevin Petty, Kim and Dan Shahan, Kerry and Tony Pierce. Along with several cousins and his good friend Howard (Coach) Jones.

He is preceded in death

by his sister Stacy Brooks Tiemeyer and grandparents Ralph and Jennie Brooks and Robert and Marilyn Petty.

A funeral service will be conducted on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 2025, at 1 p.m., at Sawyer- Pickett Funeral & Cremation Service. Rev. Connie Barr will officiate. Burial will be at Vernon Cemetery, Vernon, IN.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m., until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation or Mercy Rescue in honor of David.

James Dale 'Jim' Kleopfer Jr.



James Dale “Jim” Kleopfer Jr., passed away at Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY, on Nov. 30, 2025, after a brief illness. He was born on Oct. 16, 1942, at the McClain Clinic in Scottsburg, IN. He was the son of James Dale and Earlene Milles Kleopfer. He was raised in Lexington, IN, and graduated from Lexington High School in 1960. He studied at Indiana University and the University of Louisville, where he was granted a Juris Doctor degree in 1968. Jim practiced law in Henryville, IN, and was elected judge for the Scott County Circuit Court in 1980. He served four

terms in that capacity from 1981 to 2004. Jim loved gardening and was instrumental in maintaining the beauty of the Lexington Cemetery where he will be buried. He was a longtime member of the Lexington Presbyterian Church and the Lexington Historical Society.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, Elmer and Ethel Craigmyle Kleopfer and Earl and Muriel Hall Milles.

He is survived by two brothers, Robert of Sun City, AZ, and Gary of Tucson, AZ; three nieces, Robin Grant, Jennifer Wiley, and Angela Rupp; seven grandnephews and grandnieces, Nick, Regan, Sydney, and Ty Grant, Jacob and Grace Anne Wiley, and Emma Rupp. The family would like to recognize the assistance and support provided to Jim by Troy and Lilia Ponder, and Chaffee Miles.

Graveside services will be conducted Sunday,

Dec. 7, 2025, at 4 p.m., by Pastor Aaron Flucke at the Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, IN. Interment will follow in the Lexington Cemetery in Lexington, IN.

Friends may visit Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lexington Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Julie Marie McKeand Couchman

Julie Marie McKeand Couchman, age 58, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Sept. 14, 1967 in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Ernest McKeand, Jr. and Etta Jean Bright McKeand. Julie died on

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, at 8:54 p.m., at the Baptist Health Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Julie will be missed by her loving husband, Richard Alan Couchman of Madison, IN; her brothers, Ernest McKe-

and, III, Ronnie Gaines, and Gary Bright; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest McKeand, Jr., and her mother, Etta Jean Bright McKeand.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Jeffrey Pflug at the Faith Lutheran Church, 3024 North Michigan Road in Madison, IN.

Interment will follow at a later date in the Carmel

Cemetery in Hanover, IN.

Friends may visit Monday from 10 - 11 a.m., at the Faith Lutheran Church, 3024 North Michigan Road in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Julie

Couchman Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

FUNERALS

Thelma Kay Barnes, 83, of Milton, KY, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025, at Lexington Country Place in Lexington, KY. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, with interment to follow in Moffett Cemetery in Milton, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

James Scott Couch, 54, Carrollton, KY, died unexpectedly on Monday, Dec.1, 2025, in Carrollton. Arrangements by Graham-Dunn Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.grahamdunnfh.com.

Pierson R. “Rick” Gilbert Jr., 77, died Monday, Dec. 1 2025. Arrangements will be announced by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service Vail Chapel, in Madison, IN,

www.lytlewelty.com.

Gary Wayne Hilbert, 55, Sanders, KY, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, in Sanders. No services are scheduled at this time but a remembrance of life is planned at a later date. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, Ky, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Betty Jean Massong, 87, of Rising Sun, IN, and formerly of Vevay, IN, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, at her home. Funeral service was Thursday, Dec. 4, at Markland Funeral Home in Rising Sun, www.marklandfuneralhome.com.
Evelyn Ruth Bowman Smith, 83, of Patriot, IN, died Tuesday, Dec.

2, 2025, at her residence. Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

William Stanley “Bill” Smith, 58, of Florence, IN, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, at his residence. Cremation was chosen with no services at this time. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Agnes Susan Ricketts Tingle, 100, of Bedford KY, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Prewitt Funeral Home in New Castle, KY., with interment in the New Castle Cemetery there, www.prewitts.com.

HANOVER

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“We passed it but we're not happy about passing it,” said Kroger. “We voted yes because we're already into” the rehabilitation of the house that will focus on the exterior and the first floor.

“It's too much money,” said Treva Shelton, who voted no.

The town had previously approved \$80,000 for purchase of the property, now bringing the total expended for that property to \$315,000.

The town has been allocated \$3.3 million for the town's historic corridor from the \$30 million Lilly Endowment Inc. funds

through the College and Community Collaboration grant that was awarded to Hanover College.

Council members proposed finding ways to use funds to help local residents in that historic corridor with exterior improvements to their homes.

“Anything that helps the historic corridor at Main and Madison is a great thing,” said Chip Snyder, who is overseeing administration of the Lilly Endowment grant.

Kroger suggested scheduling a meeting in January to discuss the matter further.

- Approved an extension until June on the temporary occupancy permit to Rafferty LLC for the DG Market pending final agreements with

Indiana Department of Transportation.

“They're doing everything they're suppose to,” said Kroger, noting a requirement that DG Market construct a blister road, that work be delayed until final decisions are made in coordinating plans for that section of the highway where there are currently efforts towards installation of a traffic light in that area.

- Announced a community meeting is set for 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Hanover Community Building to hear from engineering firm, Lockett and Farley, about suggestions and proposals for sidewalks and streetscapes in the town.

- Approved spending \$2,674.65 to replace three

security cameras in various locations in the town.

- Approved spending \$39,171 to integrate the Hanover water tower with the Kent SCADA system to ensure they are in sync with each other. The town gets it water through Kent Water Company.

- Clerk-treasurer Coby Cloud announced the hiring of a cleaning person for the town hall and community building for up to 20 hours per week.

- Approved fees and regulations for use of the amphitheater at Hanover Community Park.

- Approved the salary ordinance for employees and elected officials for 2025.

Hanover.

Eli Hershberger and Latie E. Hershberger to Oran Cart and Jessica Cart (trustees) and Cart Family Living Trust, part of 36 acres at 9000+ and 9141 West State Road 56, Lexington.

Andrea J. Bradley to Dan K. Daggett and Jennifer Daniel-Daggett, re-recording of 829 West Main Street, Madison.

Tom Bladen to Sara Caldwell, 9694 East Vernon Ridge Road, Madison.

Richard S. Freeman and

Sandra L. Freeman to Oystercatcher LLC, 308 West Second Street, Madison.

Molly Anne Craney and Carole Williams (living trust) to Kristi Amick and Brian Amick, 2339 Woods Edge Drive, Madison.

RECORD

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John D. Noble to Kaitlin Essick and Andrea M. Scroggin, 254 Thornton Road,

Madison in running for America's Favorite Small Town

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Madison is officially in the running for Parade's America's Favorite Small Towns, a nationwide competition created to celebrate America's 250th birthday in 2026.

Parade, in partnership with Steller, the travel video app, is spotlighting small towns that embody the heart, charm, and community spirit of America, and Madison is among the contenders.

The announcement comes on the heels of Madison's back-to-back wins as USA Today's Best Small Town in the Midwest, making this a timely opportunity for the community to rise even higher in the national rankings.

Community voting is now open, and everyone can vote once per day at: <https://americasfavoritesmalltowns.parade.com/>. Each vote also enters participants to win a \$1,500 travel voucher toward a trip to their favorite small town.

If Madison advances to the finalist round, the town will be featured in Parade's special Favorite Small Towns in America print issue. Should Madison win the national title, the community will host a Parade x Steller activation during Madison's July 4th, 2026 festivities, with potential sponsor giveaways, special programming, celebrity involvement, and national media attention. The winning town will also receive the official “Favorite Small Town in America” badge for long-term regional and national marketing use.

Sarah Prasil, Executive Marketing Director of Visit Madison Inc, said “Madison's strength has always been its people — the friends who visit us, the friends who stay, and the friends who choose to call Madison home. Our residents, businesses, tourism partners, and supporters are the heart of this community, and we're asking everyone to help by voting daily and spreading the word. Sharing the link on social media, in newsletters, with staff, and among your networks will significantly boost Madison's chances — and just as importantly, every vote is an entry for you to win a \$1,500 travel prize.”

Voting opened Nov. 17. Finalists will be announced in spring 2026 with state winners on June 1 and the national winner on June 12.

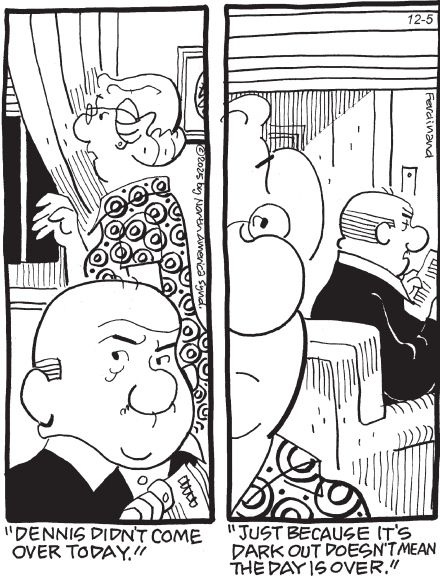
“This is another big moment for Madison,” said Andrew Forrester, VMI Tourism Director. “Our community has already proven — twice — that we can rise to the top. Now, with this national spotlight from Parade and Steller, we have a chance to reach an even larger audience. We just need everyone to vote daily and share the message.”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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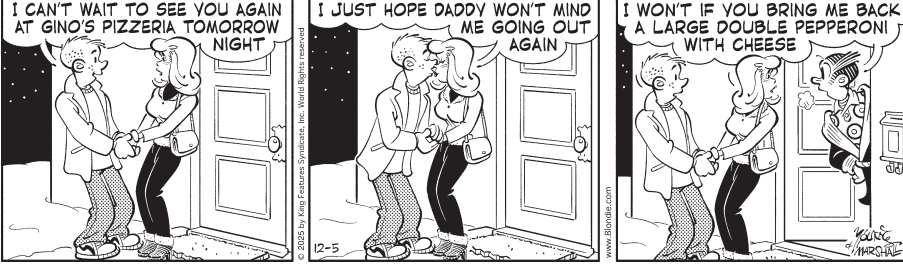
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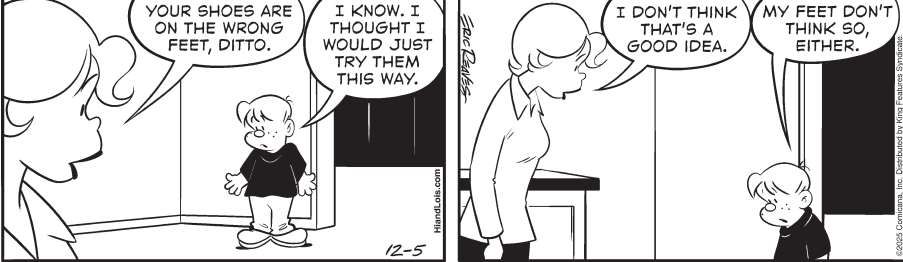
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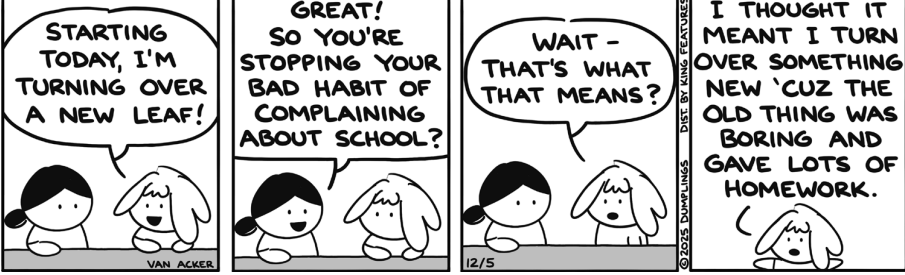
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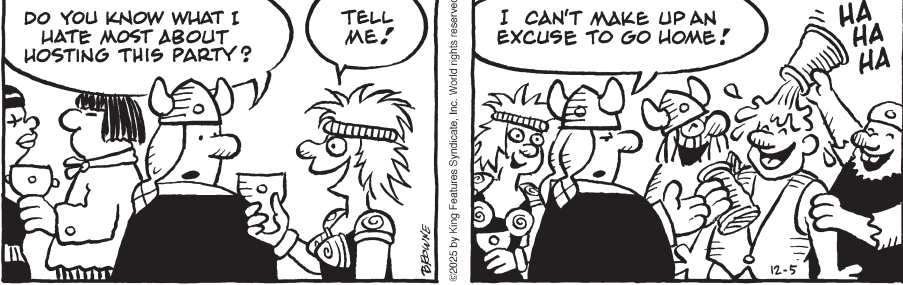
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"These are the emergency numbers—police, fire, doctor, Santa Claus..."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"If you worked from home, Dad, you wouldn't have to shovel all that snow!"

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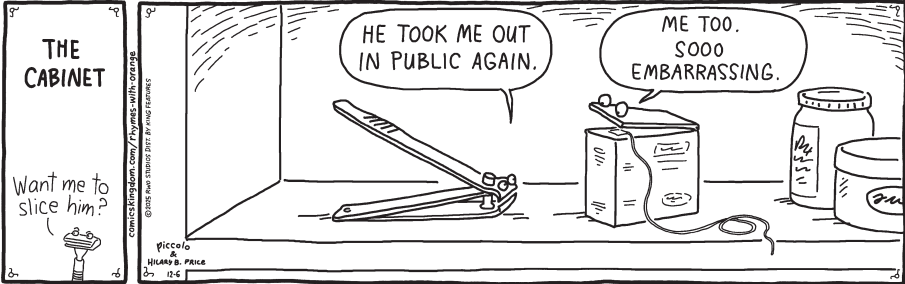
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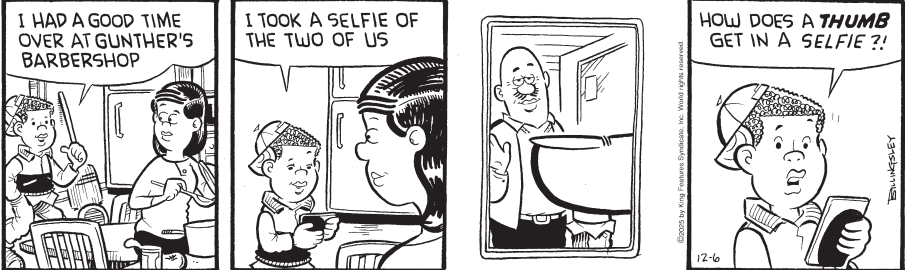
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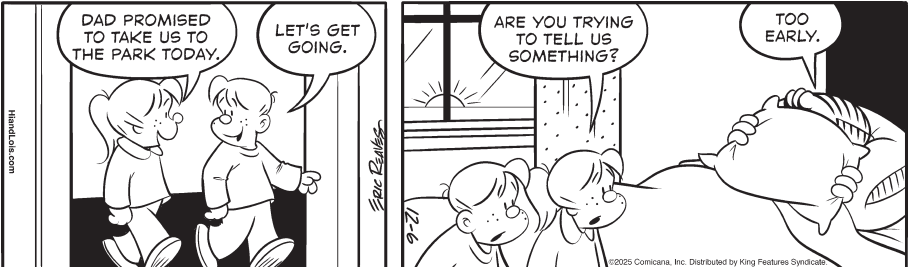
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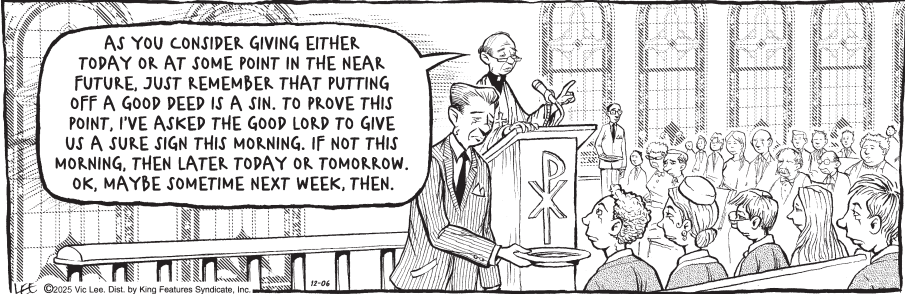
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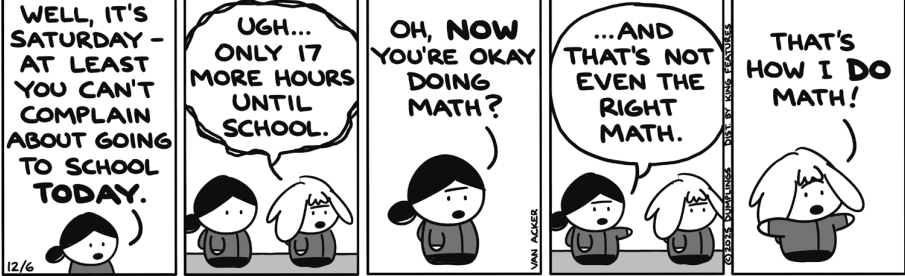
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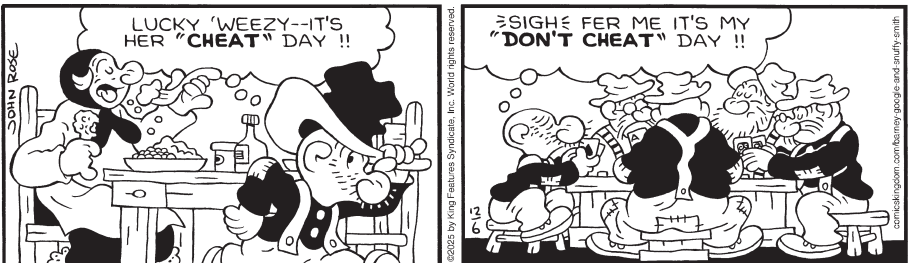
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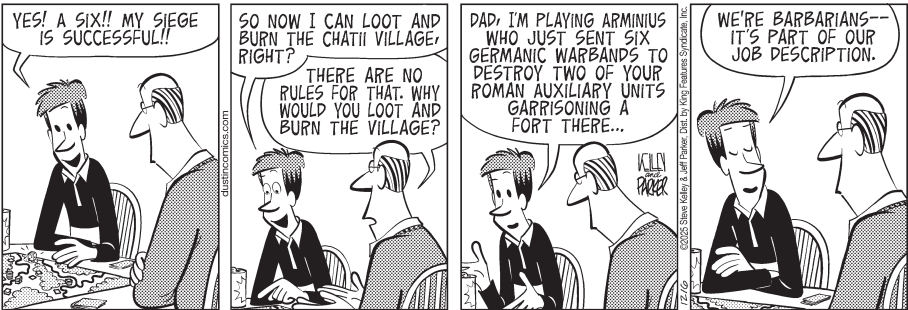
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Hardee's permanently closes on Madison's hilltop

BY BOB DEMAREE

Hardee's restaurant on Madison's hilltop closed permanently earlier this week, a company representative confirmed on Thursday.

Lauren Garton, public relations coordinator with CKE Restaurants, said: "The Hardee's location in Madison, Indiana, has been closed permanently. This decision was not made lightly, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may

cause to our guests. We appreciate our communities' patronage and have enjoyed serving guests in Madison throughout the years. We hope that guests will continue to visit us at our nearby Scottsburg, Indiana, location and the other

1,600 locations across the country." The Hardee's restaurant at 330 Clifty Drive was constructed during the summer of 2019 at the former site of Mr. Gatti's that was demolished in May of 2019. Many years ago, there was

another Hardee's restaurant on Michigan Road in front part of the property where Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing is currently located. That structure sat vacant for several years until it was demolished in 2015.

CHARLIE

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downtown walk one day, and they passed the home of Rick and Anne Lostutter. Rick was in the yard and remarked that he was about to put the house up for sale. John said, 'Hold up before you list it, I think my sister Judy will buy it!'

"Well, we took one look at it and said, we'll take it! That was back in 2021, just as Judy was retiring. The house has a big addition on the back with a large room that is perfect for our ballroom dancing hobby. We just love everything about the house, the location, and being part of this community."

Robert is a man of many talents and interests, and he didn't waste any time finding his niche here in Madison. He and Judy both became docents with Historic Madison, giving house tours and walking tours, brimming with Madison lore and history. Robert is also a big fan of classical music, which led him to the Madison Performing Arts Foundation (MPAF)

"My first wife was a harpist in the Boston area where we lived, and we used to host a series of house concerts with the many world-class musicians who call the East Coast home. At first it was mostly classical artists that my wife knew, but soon we branched into jazz, folk and other genres.

"Anyway, when Judy and I moved here to Madison and bought a house with a large room in back, I was thinking about restarting the house concert series here in Indiana. But when I learned about the Performing Arts Foundation and what they were doing, it was only natural that I join that group and

add my music contacts and experience to what they are doing.

"I've taken over the MPAF website, publicity and email, and I'm booking about 25% of the concerts, mostly musicians I knew and hosted back in Boston."

Judy has her share of talents also, having spent her career doing theatrical scenery and architectural lighting. "We tore down the old garage behind our house and we're building a new art studio where I can do my photography, painting and fiber arts."

Which brings us full circle to how I began this column. If you are fortunate enough to live in Madison, be sure to give something back. Do like Robert and Judy and use your unique talents and energy to make it an even better and more magical place. It's the people, the folks I write about every week, who make Madison great.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

One of the great sort of underground traditions in Madison is the inimitable Stan Attenberger doing his set of acoustic Christmas favorites. His voice and folksy manner are just so perfect, and there's no better way to get in the holiday mood. This year Stan is doing a four week run, all through the month of December on Sundays at Vintage Lanes Wine Bar, from 6-8 p.m. If you miss it ... you'll have a Blue Christmas, for sure!

This weekend in Indiana's Music City there's a special event for all the Johnny Cash fans out there, with a top-notch tribute style act performing at the Ohio Theatre on Friday night. And on Saturday Thomas Family Winery has one of their fun Celtic party bands keeping things lively. Get in the spirit

people

On a final note, It's not too soon to start thinking about New Year's Eve. So far we've heard about Rusty Bladen up at Clifty Inn, Madpaddle Brewery is doing a Big Brass 1920s themed event, and Timeless LIVE is bringing in the popular Rockin' Cowboyz Band. We'll keep you posted if any more NYE events pop up.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd anywhere local live music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 5

Ohio Theatre – A.R. Cash (Johnny Cash Experience)
Thomas Family Winery – Donnie Rose (7 p.m.)
American Legion Post 9 – The Legacy Band (8 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Red Dirt Road (8 p.m.)
Central Hotel – Killin Smalls (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
TailGators – DJ Scratchy Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Rivertown Grill – Smokin Jokers (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tiki LIVE – L & L Karaoke (9-1)
Vintage Lanes Wine Bar – Jazz (7-9 p.m.)

Saturday, Dec. 6

Thomas Family Winery – Clogheann (7 p.m.)
Timeless LIVE! – Joe & Deano (8-11 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery – JDC Band (8 p.m.)
Central Hotel – Zach Hackney (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
TailGators – Eric Hamblin Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Rivertown Grill – Live DJ Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tiki LIVE – L & L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 7

Vintage Lanes Wine Bar – Stan Attenberger (6-8 p.m.)

UDO

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There are two industrial districts, previously called manufacturing districts. Instead of being Light Manufacturing District (M1) and Heavy Manufacturing District (M2), they are now Light Industrial (I1) and Heavy Industrial (I2).

The UDO also adds the Riverfront District (RF), adopted earlier this year by City Council. Williams said that was moved into the UDO exactly as presented and approved by City Council.

A new Aviation District has been created in an effort to deal with FAA regulations related to Madison Regional Airport. There is also an airport protection overlay that includes height limit zones where structure height could interfere with airport operations, along with a noise zone that focuses on the areas around the airport and the heliport where noise could impact surrounding development.

There are also two other overlay districts — one for flood hazard and another for historic district.

Williams discussed implementation of the term "special exception" instead of "conditional use" in any action that might be taken to allow a non-permitted use. "You currently call these conditional uses" but most Indiana communities now refer to them as special exceptions. "That's how it's outlined in (Indiana) state statute. Conditional use is a Kentucky term," she said, adding Kentucky has a "whole different process" for its

zoning.

The UDO includes standards for a Tier 2 battery energy storage system that functions on a larger scale for power production with an aggregate energy capacity greater than 600 kilowatts that would require a decommissioning plan that must be resubmitted and approved every five years if the project owner or operator changes.

With regards to commercial solar, Williams said the city's solar regulations were created based on what the county established but there are differences, particularly with the setbacks. She said emergency response requirements, road use agreements, repairing damage to public roads and the decommissioning plans are all pulled from the county's UDO.

However, the city's 350 foot setback from a dwelling, church, school, cemetery or community building is less than the 500 feet the county requires. "It's still a pretty good setback," she said, but the shorter distance also accounts for a solar approval process that in most cases requires two steps — both rezoning by the Plan Commission and a special exception from the Board of Zoning Appeals. "If there is a certain situation that needs more buffer or more screening, that allows for a condition to be placed on that approval for a certain situation," she said.

There are two districts — agriculture and heavy industrial — where solar would be permitted, and not require rezoning. "There's not going to be as much land area under the current zoning for that," said Williams.

"In none of these districts is solar going to be allowed as a permanent use without a special exception, and in only two districts, it is allowed with a special exception," Mayor Bob Courtney emphasized. "Ten other districts, you would have to get rezoning and a special exception."

Williams noted there is a key difference with the county in that much of the county is zoned agriculture, but the city "doesn't have a lot of zoning compared to residential agricultural. You don't want it in the residential. That's not appropriate."

"It is our goal as staff to make this as thorough of a process as possible to update what we have to 2025 standards for best practices that are used throughout all communities in Indiana following state statutes, and ultimately get to a place that makes it very easy for our constituents, makes it welcoming to those who want to invest in our community, and understanding standards and process that usually are normally seen in other communities, and for our volunteers and those appointed on commissions to try to make your job easier and less confusing," said Deputy Mayor Tony Steinhart III.

Steinhart said depending on the public feedback received, "it is our intent to be moving this process forward" to the Plan Commission and City Council in the vicinity of early next year. "We haven't set those dates yet because we want to see the feedback tonight and next week, and we'll assess that, then we'll set those dates."

Riding the Market Rollercoaster: Navigating Volatility with Today's Tools



Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management
The investment world often feels much like standing atop a hill on a windy day. At one moment, you're enjoying the calm serenity and the magnificent view, and the next, a gust of wind threatens to sweep you off your feet. This unpredictable ebb and flow mirrors the ever-volatile nature of the stock market today.

The stock market's view from the top can be incredibly rewarding. Those who've tasted the fruits of a bull run, especially in technology and growth stocks, can attest to the exhilaration of seeing their investments soar. Yet, as any seasoned investor knows, the descent can be swift and unexpected, fueled by global events, inflation data, or shifts in central bank policy.

The Conundrum: Seeking Safety in a High-Rate World
This brings us to a significant conundrum: How does one enjoy the view without getting blown away? The answer lies in seeking secure investment options that offer relevant returns.

Historically, the word 'safe' immediately conjured the image of bank savings accounts or US Treasuries, which, for many years,

offered returns that barely kept pace with inflation. However, in today's high-interest rate environment, these traditional safe havens have become much more attractive.

US Treasuries and CDs: Today's rates mean these instruments offer genuinely competitive, guaranteed returns—a stability many investors haven't seen in over a decade.

So, where does one turn for both principal protection and superior, long-term yield potential?

Annuities: An Anchor in the Storm
Enter the realm of annuities. For those unfamiliar, think of annuities as insurance for your retirement savings. They protect your financial future by providing a contractually guaranteed income stream, offering an oasis of calm in the choppy seas of stock market volatility.

The annuity business, which thrives on the principles of safety and predictability, is particularly relevant now because certain types of annuities—especially Fixed Annuities and Fixed Indexed Annuities (FIAs)—can now offer competitive guarantees thanks to the higher interest rate environment.

The core principle remains the same: in exchange for a lump sum or series of payments, an insurance company agrees to disburse regular payouts. These payouts can be tailored for lifetime income and typically fully guarantee your principal against market losses. FIAs, in particular, offer the potential for growth linked to a market index (like the S&P 500) without any downside risk to the premium, providing a popular balance of safety and growth potential.

Bonds and Diversification: The Essentials Speaking of safety, let's not forget the renewed appeal of bonds, particularly US Treasury bonds. Because the Federal Reserve raised rates to combat inflation, newly issued bonds offer high yields not seen in years, making them a cornerstone of capital preservation portfolios. When you buy a bond, you're

essentially lending money to an entity, receiving predictable interest payments and the return of the principal amount when the bond matures.

And if we're venturing down the road of safer investments, it's worth re-emphasizing diversification. Instead of putting all your eggs in one basket, explore multiple paths. By spreading investments across different asset classes (e.g., stocks, high-yield bonds, cash equivalents, and annuities), geographic regions, and sectors, you can cushion the blow of a downturn in any single area.

Conclusion
Navigating the ups and downs of stock market volatility in today's complex economy requires a blend of caution, knowledge, and strategic positioning. While the market's unpredictable nature cannot be tamed, you can certainly ride out the storms by leveraging the newly attractive returns from Treasuries and Certificates of Deposit (CDs), and the guaranteed protection and income offered by annuities.

In a world filled with uncertainties, knowing that there are still some things you can rely on is a comforting thought. So, as you embark on your investment journey, remember to pack your financial 'safety gear'. After all, every hiker knows the value of a good walking stick on a rocky trail!

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Sports

Young earns Player of the Year after record season

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Every team needs a player like Matthew Young. Not only is the Switzerland County senior able to play nearly every position on the field, but he can do so at a high level.

It's no surprise then that with Young leading the way, Switzerland County had its best season in school history, winning nine games and reaching the sectional championship game for the first time ever.

"He was very versatile and able to pick up and do whatever we asked on the offensive side and he was the eraser on defense that kind of helped if everything broke down," Switzerland coach Ryan Jesop said. "He's just got that raw athleticism and type of personality you want to root for."

Young's ability and leadership are reasons why he has been selected as this year's Madison Courier Football Player of the Year. Switzerland County had its share of big moments this year and Young was at the middle of those nearly every time.

Young was already named Mid-Indiana Football Conference Offensive Player of the Year, an impressive feat in a conference that featured a regional champion in Milan and North Decatur, which spent much of the season sitting atop the Class A rankings but split with Young's Pacers.

Young could have also been

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Name/School	Cl.	Pos.	
Hunter Angell/Carroll Co.	Sr.	LB/RB	
Alex Bailey/Switzerland Co.	Sr.	QB	
Kolvin Beck/Switzerland Co.	Sr.	RB/LB	
Corbin Craig/Switzerland Co.	Jr.	DT	
Hunter Dalton/Carroll Co.	So.	WR	
Nolan Hunt/Trimble Co.	Sr.	DL	
Jamison Isley/Trimble Co.	So.	QB	
Grayson Levell/Switzerland	So.	DE	
Sylus Lock/Madison	Jr.	DE	
Matt McCarty/Madison	Sr.	QB	
Keaton Mosley/Madison	Sr.	RB/LB	
Blake Pettit/Madison	Sr.	LB	
Segar Ralston/Madison	So.	CB	
Izik Roberts/Madison	Jr.	WR/SS	
Silas Sandusky/Trimble Co.	So.	RB/DE	
Treavin Shovlin/Carroll Co.	Jr.	QB	
Joseph Stanley/Madison	Sr.	RB	
Masin Stroud/Switzerland	Jr.	WR/FS	
Karson Vaught/Carroll Co.	Jr.	LB/RB	
Matthew Young*/Switzerland	Sr.	RB/LB	
*Player of the Year			
Recent Past Winners			
2025 — Matthew Young, Switzerland			

a serious contender for defensive player of the year as well. The senior rarely took a play off and approached each down as if it was his last.

"If we needed a big play — on offense or defense — you know he was there to make it," Jesop said. "It turned the momentum in a lot of our games."

Young finished the season with 1,312 yards rushing on 112 carries, for an impressive 11.7 per carry average and had 1,859 all-purpose



Nina Campbell

Switzerland County senior Matthew Young is the Madison Courier Football Player of the Year.

yards. He also scored 15 touchdowns on the ground while adding three more on receptions.

Defensively, he was nearly as impressive, with 65 total tackles,

three interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

Young knew how important it was for him to perform in order for the Pacers to succeed and he

admits that came with some pressure. But he also embraced that pressure.

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BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Trimble girls open season with win over Lexington Christian

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County's girls basketball opened the season with a 52-45 win over Lexington Christian Tuesday at home.

Kendra Mahoney scored 16 points to lead Trimble, Kinsten Long had 13, Mariah Rumsey scored eight and Claire Liter added seven.

Trimble, now 1-0 on the season, hosts Walton-Verona on Saturday and heads to Henry County on Dec. 12.

SHAWE FALLS TO MEDORA

Shawe boys basketball suffered a 68-60 loss at Medora on Tuesday.

Medora opened the game with three-straight 3-pointers but led only 34-28 at the half before holding on for the eight-point win.

Loren Stiver scored 17 points to lead Shawe, Cavaan Hambrick had 16, Gus Grote scored 14 and Clark Nichter added seven.

"I was proud of the group because they kept battling and tied it at 38, but we couldn't get over the hump," Shawe coach Dan Hambrick said.

Shawe, now 1-2 on the season, hosts Southwestern on Friday as part of a boys-girls doubleheader. The Hilltoppers then host Christian Academy of Madison next Tuesday.

LADY PACERS KNOCK OFF MILAN

Switzerland County girls basketball picked up a 71-37 win at home over Milan on Wednesday.

No details for the game were available.

Switzerland, now 5-2 overall, 1-0 Ohio River Valley Conference, travels to Christian Academy of Indiana on Saturday and hosts Franklin County on Tuesday.

CARROLL GIRLS WIN OPENER

Carroll County girls basketball opened the season with a 59-45 win at Kentucky Country Day on Wednesday.

No details from the game were available.

Carroll, now 1-0 on the season, hosted Highland Latin Thursday, Covington



David Campbell

Trimble County's Kendra Mahoney (30) slices to the basket in front of Lexington Christian's Liza Greer (4) in the Raiders' 52-45 win on Tuesday. Mahoney led the Raiders with 16 points in Trimble's season opener.

Holmes Friday and travels to district rival Eminence on Monday.

TRIMBLE BOYS FALL IN OPENER

Trimble County boys basketball opened the season with a 74-39 loss

at Highlands Latin on Tuesday.

No details from the game were available.

Trimble, now 0-1 on the season, hosted Calvary Christian on Thursday and heads to Frankfort Christian on Monday.

Switzerland girls wrestle to several wins at Borden

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Preston won the 235 class.

Switzerland County's girls wrestling team picked up four first-place finishes in the Borden Invitational on Monday.

Raven Ashcraft won the 100-105 weight class, Klaire Redwine won the 125-130 weight class, Isabella Lieland won the 155 class and Addy

On Wednesday, Switzerland

lost 30-23 at Jennings County.

Ashcraft scored a fall in 4:18 at 100 pounds, Redwine picked up a 17-2 technical fall win at 125 pounds, Miley Stroud had a win by pin in 3:03 at 155 pounds and Preston got a forfeit win at 235 pounds.

Switzerland hosts Lawrenceburg on Monday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 5 BASKETBALL

Shawe girls host Southwestern, 5 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls hosts Holmes, 7:30 p.m.
Hanover men at Berea, 7:30 p.m.
Madison boys at Jennings Co., 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys host Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Clarksville, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Southwestern, Switzerland Co. boys, Scottsburg Invite, 5 p.m.
Madison boys, Jeffersonville Duals, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6 BASKETBALL

Hanover men hosts Franklin, 1 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at Christian Academy, 1:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls host Walton-Verona, 2:30 p.m.
Hanover women hosts Franklin, 3 p.m.
Madison boys at Corydon, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys at Columbus East, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison, Shawe, Southwestern at Lawrenceburg, 10 a.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Hanover at Rose-Hulman, 11 a.m.

WRESTLING

Southwestern, Switzerland Co. boys, Scottsburg Invite, 8 a.m.
Madison boys, Jeffersonville Duals, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7

No local events

Monday, Dec. 8 BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. girls at Eminence, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys at Frankfort Christian, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Switzerland Co. girls host Lawrenceburg, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 BASKETBALL

Shawe boys host Madison Christian, 7 p.m.
Madison girls host New Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe girls at Hauser, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls at Milan, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Franklin Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison at Floyd Central, 6 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Shawe, South Ripley, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Madison girls at Columbus North, 6 p.m.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

PANTHER WOMEN SCORE WIN OVER BEREA IN HCAC OPENER

Hanover College women's basketball picked up a 62-52 win over Berea at home on Wednesday in the Panthers' Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener.

Hanover used an 18-8 second

quarter to build a nine-point lead at the half and outscored Berea by a point in the second half to seal the win.

Sammy Berman had 19 points, seven rebounds, four blocks and three steals to lead Hanover, Kaitlyn Lorenzi had 15 points and 11 rebounds, Lily Ernstes had 12

points, five rebounds and three blocks, and Alexis Wines had 11 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

Hanover, now 5-1 overall, 1-0 HCAC, hosts Franklin on Saturday and heads to Manchester on Saturday, Dec. 13.

PANTHER MEN LOSE TO BEREA

Hanover men's basketball suffered a 68-63 loss at Berea on Wednesday in the Panthers' HCAC opener.

The game was tied with less than two minutes to play before Berea pulled away down the stretch to ice

the win.

Will Herald had 18 points for Hanover, Davis Olson scored 15 points and Malachi McNair had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Hanover, now 3-3 overall, 0-1 HCAC, hosts Franklin on Saturday and travels to Manchester on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Big Ten — maybe Heisman — on line as Ohio St. faces Indiana

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Ohio State quarterback Julian Sayin and Indiana quarterback Fernando Mendoza each have one prize in mind for their showdown this weekend in Indianapolis: a Big Ten championship.

It's another one — Heisman Trophy winner — that will consume most of next week's debate.

The two first-year starters at their respective schools each played their way into frontrunner status by leading their teams to unbeaten regular seasons, posting outstanding numbers and delivering when the stakes have been highest. They get final chances to pad those Heisman resumes when No. 1 Ohio State and No. 2 Indiana square off in the Big Ten Championship Game.

Sayin and Mendoza appear tailor-made for the moment.

“With the spotlight, with the pressure of it, comes a privilege,” said Mendoza, a two-year starter at California before arriving in Bloomington.

Mendoza has been deferential to his teammates and coaches all season, routinely using his platform to build up those who helped him reach the precipice of becoming the first Indiana player to win college football's most prestigious award.

Sayin, meanwhile, has spent



AP Photo/Ryan Sun

Ohio State quarterback Julian Sayin, right, celebrates near running back CJ Donaldson Jr. after scoring a touchdown during the first half Saturday against Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.

most of this season trying to get acclimated to being the starter for the defending national champs and more recently with a revolving door of receivers caused by injuries. He started his career at Alabama and redshirted last season in Columbus. He would be Ohio State's first Heisman winner since Troy Smith in 2006.

Mendoza and Sayin find themselves as the feature attractions in a rare, late-season head-to-head matchup between the Football Bowl Subdivision's

last two unbeaten teams.

The tale of the tape is every bit as close as one might expect.

Sayin's staggering 78.9% completion rate leads the nation, as does his passing efficiency of 184.85. His 30 touchdown passes rank second nationally. He's 13th in passing yards with 3,065 and tied for 15th in points responsible for with 180.

Mendoza leads the FBS with 32 TD passes, ranks second in passing efficiency at 183.71 and points responsible for at

228, fifth in completion percentage (72.0%) and 27th in yards passing with 2,758.

Both are 12-0 overall, 9-0 in conference play and have five interceptions. The biggest difference statistically — Mendoza averages 13.07 yards per throw, No. 24 nationally, while Sayin ranks 62nd.

And while Sayin's signature moment came last week when he snapped a four-game losing streak to the dreaded Wolverines, Mendoza delivered two of this season's biggest plays — beating an

Will Stein introduced as UK's new head football coach

BY COLE PARKE
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

New Kentucky football Head Coach Will Stein was formally introduced to fans and media on Wednesday, Dec. 3, inside Nutter Field House.

Following introductions from University of Kentucky president Eli Capilouto and Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart, Stein took the stage to address his hiring and the future of the program.

"Honored is an understatement," Stein said. "Just been an unbelievable 24-48 hours. It's something that a coach can only dream of."

Stein, despite playing college football for the University of Louisville after a high school career with Trinity High School, grew up a Kentucky fan, something he didn't shy away from when addressing his familiar fanbase.

"I've been coming to this place literally since I was born," Stein said. "My parents used to take me to games and put headphones on me. I was in the stands. It's a really surreal moment to be standing in front of everybody in this building."

He also took the time to address numerous current Kentucky football players and Kentucky lettermen who were in attendance for his press conference.

"I want to thank the players that are current here, the lettermen that decided to come out here and support me, (it) means the world," Stein said. "This is your program. This isn't Will Stein's program, this is your program. It's always going to be. It always has been. The doors are always open for you guys. I want you guys to feel like this is your home, because it is."

More importantly, though, Stein opened up about his intentions as Kentucky's new head coach and the standard he intends to set for the program... on the



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back of the work done by his predecessor, Mark Stoops.

"I'd be remiss not to talk about Coach Stoops and what he's meant to this program," Stein said. "Really thankful for his 13 years here as the head ball coach. Kentucky football and Big Blue Nation would not be where they are without him. We all owe him an incredible amount of debt for his effort and success. We're going to continue that tradition here at Kentucky. The vision is really simple: it's to win. I didn't come here to be average, I didn't come here to be mediocre, I came here to win and win championships. ..."

"Success is not free, rent is due every damn day that we're here. We're going to work to get that done to make Big Blue Nation proud and to make our players proud. Number one, we got to recruit every day. We wake these kids up in the morning, we put them to bed at night. We have to sign great players. Not okay players. We got to sign great players, that's how you win. It's a player's game. ..."

"We're going to play an exciting brand of football. It's the only way I know how to do it. We're going to take risks, our

offense, our players... light up the scoreboard. Why not? I've seen it done here many times and that's the goal. It's not easy, it's not meant to be easy. On defense, man, we're going to play relentless from point A to point B, attacking the football. We're a national brand. There's no reason we can't be successful here. The excuses are done, it's time to get to work."

Stein's opening statement lasted for around 10 minutes and he proceeded to take questions from the media for an additional 25 minutes.

With reports of the Wildcats hiring an offensive coordinator and a general manager leading up to the press conference, it seems as though the work is already being done to build a staff for the 2026 football season, the first under Stein.

Further staffing decisions will continue to be made alongside roster conversations and decisions with the transfer portal opening on Jan. 3.

Stein is expected to finish out his tenure as Oregon's Offensive Coordinator by coaching the Ducks in the College Football Playoffs potentially deep into January.

Minnesota upsets No. 22 Indiana in Big Ten debut for Medved

DeVries suffers first loss

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Cade Tyson had 17 points and eight rebounds to help Minnesota upset No. 22 Indiana 73-64 on Wednesday in the Big Ten debut for both head coaches, the Gophers' Niko Medved and the Hoosiers' Darian DeVries.

Langston Reynolds scored 17 points and Isaac Asuma added 15 for the Gophers (5-4, 1-0), who used a 40-25 rebounding advantage to hand the Hoosiers (7-1, 0-1) their first loss under DeVries and hold them to a season-

low score after they were averaging nearly 90 points entering the game.

Bobby Durkin's 3-pointer with 4:08 left gave Minnesota its largest lead of the game. The Gophers ended a nine-game losing streak to Indiana despite missing eight free throws and having three players in the eight-man rotation pick up four fouls.

Tayton Conerway had 18 points for the Hoosiers, who went 8 for 27 from 3-point range.

Minnesota's first month under Medved has hardly been smooth, with a roster nowhere near full strength. Starting point guard Chansey Willis Jr. just had season-ending surgery on his foot. But the Gophers made up for what they lacked in depth and scoring with hustle and

defense.

Grayson Grove ran down DeVries to block his dunk attempt with the Hoosiers up 29-22. That came early in a stretch of 8:38 without a basket for Indiana that lasted well after intermission.

Jaylen Crocker-Johnson capped a 10-2 run in the second half with a crowd-energizing block, defensive rebound and 3-pointer sequence that gave Minnesota a 53-45 lead and momentum to make it a game to the end.

UP NEXT

Indiana faces its toughest test to date against No. 6 Louisville in Indianapolis on Saturday. Minnesota's next game is even more daunting: at No. 1 Purdue on Dec. 10.

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Iowa blitz with a tiebreaking, 49-yard TD pass to Elijah Sarratt with 1:28 left in a 20-15 victory and the incredible 7-yard TD pass to Omar Cooper Jr. in the final minute to beat Penn State 27-24.

After throwing a tying Pick-6 late at then-No. 3 Oregon, Mendoza responded by taking Hoosiers on a 75-yard scoring march and throwing the go-ahead TD pass to Sarratt for a 30-20 victory that cemented Indiana's spot in the national championship conversation.

"The Oregon game, I think, gave us a lot of credibility," second-year Hoosiers coach Curt Cignetti said. "That was a step we had to take as a program — go on the road, play a top five team and come back with a win. Oregon's a great team and Dan Lanning is a great football coach and so, I think, from that point on, there has been a little bit more acceptance of where we're at as a program."

Mendoza has a chance to put an exclamation on Indiana's second straight record-breaking season — if Indiana beats the Buckeyes for the first time since 1988, claims its first conference crown since 1967 and reaches to No. 1 in

The Associated Press poll for the first time in school history.

Sayin is trying to extend the nation's longest active winning streak to 17 games, capture Ohio State's first conference crown since 2020 and help the Buckeyes become back-to-back national champions for the first time in school history.

Cignetti knows just how challenging it will be to derail those plans.

"Julian Sayin is a tremendous football player. He's young but doesn't play like he's young," he said. "Super quick release, very accurate and he's mobile. They've got great weapons on the outside."

But as coaches and players stay focused on Saturday's contest, the quarterbacks are downplaying the game inside the game — whether the winner has the inside track to winning the Heisman.

"A lot of quarterbacks have struggled with (Ohio State's defense) throughout the entire season, and there's a reason for that," Mendoza said. "I think it's a great opportunity and a great challenge for the Indiana offense to play the Indiana brand of ball we want to play against such a great defense."



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A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** at the **Council Chambers in Madison City Hall, 101 W Main Street, Madison, IN 47250**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

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Colts' Jones leans on college friends as he rehabs leg injury

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts quarterback Daniel Jones is getting a little more help from his friends. Seven years after two teammates created a special pad to protect Jones' fracture collarbone, the same duo has done it again, this time to fit over Jones' injured lower left leg. Jones said Wednesday he first wore it in a loss at Kansas City and then again in Sunday's loss to the Houston Texans. "Lucky to have smart friends who are really close friends," Jones said. "It's pretty low profile and fits to my leg pretty well. I didn't really notice it Sunday."

Jones didn't elaborate much on what the extra padding does exactly other than noting Colts doctors and trainers gave

him the approval to wear it. Former Duke center Clark Bulleit and former Duke linebacker Kevin Gehsmann started the company, Protect3D, to produce custom-printed 3D braces and orthotics that help athletes recover from injuries. They created an app that allows the products to be scanned to mobile phones or tablets and are then printed out. The Durham, North Carolina-based company also says it works with an advisory board of physicians and trainers that are listed on the website. Bulleit's initial experience in a 3D-printing lab came one semester at Duke when he was able to work closely with the technology before Jones suffered the collarbone injury in 2018. It allowed him to return after just three weeks, and Colts coach Shane Steichen has no qualms with

Jones getting some more help from his former teammates. "I'm an UNLV guy, I'm not a Duke graduate so nothing against my alma mater — I love my alma mater — but Duke there's like a high (intelligence) level," he said. "I guess it was a couple of players and there were like 'Hey, what if we do this and create this system?' and they've been doing good. It's pretty impressive."

But Jones didn't need anyone to help him print out this pad. "My buddy Kevin actually delivered it to me in Kansas

City," Jones said. "He flew (in) and came to the game, I got to see him afterward."

Jones continues to maintain he still feels healthy enough to play and has no intention of sitting out Sunday's game at Jacksonville (8-4), a matchup featuring the two teams tied for the AFC South lead. "I've been cleared to play, and I know it's safe," he said. "I feel good, I think I'm feeling better every week and continue to be able to do more and more, just being mindful of the injury and doing whatever I can to put the team in position to win."



Reed Hoffmann/AP Photo
Indianapolis Colts quarterback Daniel Jones, wearing a special pad on his lower left leg, looks to the sidelines during the first half of an NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs, Sunday, Nov. 23, in Kansas City, Mo.

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Notice is hereby given that Marsha Murray-Gluba was, on the
26th day of November, 2025, appointed personal representative
of the estate of Andrew Joseph Gluba, Sr., deceased, who died
on the 3rd day of October, 2016.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not
now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court
within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of
this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death,
whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 26th day of November, 2025.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson Co., IN

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You are hereby notified that a Petition to Determine Heirship con-
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A hearing on said Petition will be held on:
Date: February 3, 2026
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Jefferson Circuit Court
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Joe Burrow dons new shoes, sparks Bengals' playoff hopes

BY CHARLIE GOLDSMITH
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CINCINNATI — They admittedly aren't the most comfortable shoes that Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow has ever worn.

However the new cleats are helping him stay healthy and stay on the field less than three months out from surgery on his left big toe.

Burrow, who had surgery in the middle of September to repair a turf toe injury, has a carbon fiber plate and a custom orthotic in his left shoe.

"The shoe can't bend," Burrow said. "It's because my toe can't go backward right now, still a little early for that, so just keeps it firm and not bending it back. ... These are the (cleats) that I feel like give me enough space and stability to do what I need to do."

It worked for him last Thursday as he led the Bengals to a 32-14 win over the Baltimore Ravens in Burrow's return game.

Coach Zac Taylor immediately showed confidence in Burrow's mobility. In the first half, Burrow ran on a number of play-action passes and scrambles as well as a quarterback sneak. He also had 32 pass attempts in the first half.

Burrow dealt with a bit of rust in his first game back, which was highlighted in red

zone stops where the Bengals had to settle for field goals. In the second half, Burrow looked like his normal self.

"(It was) really impressive," offensive coordinator Dan Pitcher said. "I think he kind of summarized it the same way I would. (There were) probably four plays in that first half just kind of uncharacteristic misses that looked strange coming from him because we just aren't used to those. Outside of that, I thought he operated really cleanly. I thought the communication at the line of scrimmage and in and out of the huddle was really good. Then, he was able to extend enough to be a threat and made some big-time throws in the second half."

The Bengals have won eight straight games that were started by Burrow, and he provided a confidence boost to the entire team on Thanksgiving as the Bengals beat the first-place team in their division.

Following a week where the Ravens looked inconsistent and the Pittsburgh Steelers continued their recent slide, the 4-8 Bengals are suddenly just two games out of first place with five

games left in the regular season.

Burrow's return boosts the Bengals' playoff chances.

"He's super intelligent," right guard Dalton Risner said. "He's paid accordingly. He has had the success he has had for a reason. He has been to the Super Bowl for a reason. The way he commands, the way he understands the game, the way he sees the field, the way he delivers the ball, that's Joe Burrow."

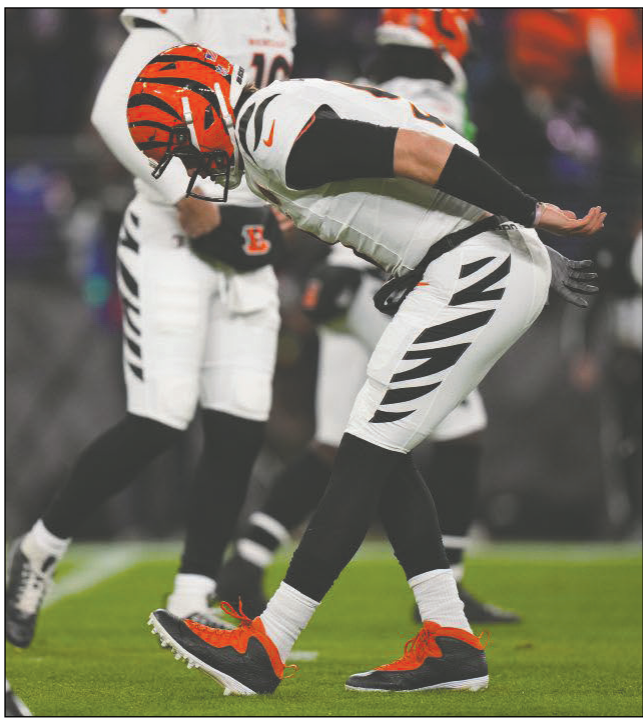
This week, Burrow returns to Buffalo for the first time since his dominant playoff victory over the Bills nearly three years ago.

In the divisional round of the 2022 season, the Bengals beat the Bills, 27-10.

On Wednesday, Burrow called that one of his favorite games in the NFL but acknowledged how long ago that game feels.

This week, the Bengals desperately need a win to stay alive in the playoff race.

"Our biggest focus right now is finding a way to beat Buffalo and taking it where it goes from there," Taylor said. "Right now, that's really all that matters."



Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow during warmups before a game against the Baltimore Ravens on Nov. 27 in Baltimore.

AP Photo/Stephanie Scarbrough

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That on 1/5/26 at 10:00 a.m. a sale will be held at 11 E. Village Dr. (PARK OFFICE)
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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE SWITZERLAND CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 78C01-2412-EU-000028

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF)
DANIEL JOSEPH MCGLOTHIN, DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on December 17, 2024, Linda McGlothlin was appointed personal representative of the estate of Daniel Joseph McGlothlin, deceased, who died on November 22, 2024.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Vevay, Indiana, this 17th day of December 2024.

Karin S. Dutkiewicz
Clerk, Switzerland Circuit Court

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
DLC#:H284-37
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF SWITZERLAND
IN THE SWITZERLAND CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.:78C01-2509-MF-000330

FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF PATRICIA AMIS, DECEASED,
OCCUPANT(S) OF 111 PATTON HOLLOW ROAD, VEVAY, IN 47043 AND
FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:

BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, CRAIG TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A MAG NAIL FOUND IN THE INTERSECTION OF GREEN VALLEY ROAD AND PATTON HOLLOW ROAD MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36; THENCE WITH GREEN VALLEY ROAD, SOUTH 89°38'30" WEST, 385.92 FEET TO A MAG NAIL FOUND; THENCE LEAVING GREEN VALLEY ROAD, SOUTH 00°21'30" EAST, 469.37 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR FOUND AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 80°29'57" EAST, 376.83 FEET TO A MAG NAIL FOUND IN PATTON HOLLOW ROAD; THENCE WITH PATTON HOLLOW ROAD, SOUTH 05°20'33 11 WEST, 326.21 FEET TO A MAG NAIL SET; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD, SOUTH 89°38'30" WEST, 539.64 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR SET; THENCE NORTH 00°21'30" WEST, 266.82 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR SET; THENCE SOUTH 89°45'26" EAST, 200.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 3.616 ACRES, MORE OR LESSAND SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS

And Commonly known as: **111 Patton Hollow Road, Vevay, IN 47043**

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me: Federal Housing Commissioner and Occupant(S) Of **111 Patton Hollow Road, Vevay, IN 47043**

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:
The Unknown Heirs at Law of Patricia Amis, Deceased

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 11th day of January, 2026 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

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By Alan W. McEwan

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Switzerland County Circuit Court

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jefferson County Circuit Court in Cause No. 39C01-2505-MF-000486 wherein German American Bank, was Plaintiff, and Brian L. Blaylock and Farm Bureau Insurance Company were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of January, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Ln, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana. Being a part of the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 27, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, Jefferson County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said southeast quarter of Section 27, said point being at the intersection of the center lines of two county roads; thence North 90 degrees east (assumed bearing) with the centerline of the county road 1690 feet to the northeast corner of the W. K. Morgan property and actual place of beginning; thence continuing North 90 degrees East 191 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of the Andrew Frazier property; thence South 7 degrees 36' West 516.5 feet to a corner post; thence North 90 degrees West 123.5 feet to a fence post at the southeast corner of the W.K. Morgan property; thence North 0 degrees East 512 feet to the actual place of beginning. Containing 1.85 acres, more or less.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6189 West 750 North, Dupont, Indiana 47231
PARCEL NO: 39-04-27-000-011.000-004 Lancaster Township
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuations or appraisal laws. Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as 39C01-2505-MF-000486 in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana.
Ben Flint
Sheriff of Jefferson County

Plaintiff's Attorney:
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P.O. Box 3435
Carbondale IL 62902
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SMITH & MILLER LLP IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Switzerland Circuit Court of Switzerland County, Indiana, in Cause No. 78C01-2501-MF-000033, wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and Matthew W. Johnston, Jayme E. Johnston, United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 13th day of January, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 405 Liberty Street, Vevay, IN 47043, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Switzerland County, Indiana. York Township: A part of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, York Township, Switzerland County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 1 West; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 1353.51 feet; thence south 88 degrees 49 minutes 40 seconds west 1797.55 feet; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 675.52 feet; thence north 60 degrees 56 minutes 23 seconds east 42.32 feet; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 719.01 feet to a rebar set, the point of beginning; thence continuing north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 931.89 feet to a nail set in the centerline of Hominy Ridge Road; thence along the centerline of Hominy Ridge Road the following four courses: north 89 degrees 53 minutes 11 seconds east 152.79 feet to a nail set; south 83 degrees 36 minutes 23 seconds east 50.60 feet to a nail set; south 72 degrees 44 minutes 06 seconds east 49.85 feet to a nail set; south 55 degrees 31 minutes 37 seconds east 65.09 feet to a nail set; thence south 19 degrees 10 minutes 46 seconds west 926.34 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.3905 acres. More commonly known as 9599 Hominy Ridge Rd, Florence, IN 47020-9665 Parcel No. 78-10-20-900-012.015-008 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. /s/ Matthew S. Love MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney Attorney # 18762-29 FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 237-2727 Brian Morton, Sheriff York Township The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. SERVICE DIRECTED TO: Matthew W. Johnston PO Box 237 Patriot, IN 47038-0237 Service Type: Serve By Certified Mail Jayme E. Johnston 9599 Hominy Ridge Rd Florence, IN 47020-9665 Service Type: Serve By Sheriff NOTICE FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT) SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)
ESTATE NUMBER 39C01-511-EU-000086
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE)
OF FRANCES ANN ANGER, DECEASED.)

William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES ANN ANGER, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Michael Watkins was, on the 26th day of November, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Frances Ann Anger, deceased, who died on the 16th day of November, 2025.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 26th day of November, 2025.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN

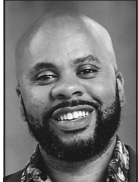
LEGAL NOTICE

Historic District Board of Review Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: December 15, 2025, at 5:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250
STREAMING LINK: www.youtube.com/@City-ofMadisonIndianaGovernment
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of Minutes
C. Tabled Applications
· Tom McPherson – C. of A. to remove rear addition and replace with deck, extending porch along front of structure, enlarging window on south-side wall in front room. Location: 123 Jefferson St. Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)
· Annette Fultz – C. of A. to replace rotting wood windows with aluminum clad windows and demolish garage at rear of property. Location: 421 Mill St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· Carolina and Ken Mackinlay – C. of A. to replace windows. Location: 1229 W. Main St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· D. New Applications
· Elizabeth Riley – C. of A. to add an awning over front door, temporary vestibule to be added during winter months. Location: 605 W. Main St. Zoned: Specialty District (SD)
· Sara Patterson – C. of A. to enclose the side porch and to add an additional room to the back of the house. Location: 1225 W. Main St. Zoned: Residential Medium Density (R-8)
· Robert Wurtz – C. of A. to construct a new log shed. Location: 1008 East St. Zoned: Residential Medium Density (R-8)
· Steve and Jane Martin – C. of A. to restore window on front to original size, restore original transom, change window size on south side of house to transom style windows for privacy and light. Location: 319 Cragmont St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· SEI Real Estate, LLC – C. of A. to add a dormer to the roof facing the river, demolition of rear addition to replace with a wooden deck, replacing rear windows with doors out onto the deck, replace windows with aluminum clad. Location: 307 Walnut St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· Ryan Rodgers (on behalf of Julie Thiemann) – C. of A. to add a 10'x18' addition and 8' porch across the rear. Location: 609 W. Second St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· Ryan Rodgers (on behalf of William and Paula Alexander) – C. of A. to add a new garage to the rear of property and addition to the rear of house. Location: 815 E. First St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· Ryan Rodgers – C. of A. to construct a new duplex. Location: 215 W. First St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
E. New/Old Business
F. Staff Report
G. Adjournment
H. Next Meeting: January 26, 2025, at 5:30 PM
For the purpose of hearing those who are for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.
This agenda is in DRAFT FORM. Open Door Law does not prohibit the public agency from changing or adding to its agenda during the meeting.
BY ORDER OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW
Brenna Haley, Historic Preservationist
Board Members Appointing Authority Term of Appointment
Chris Cody Mayor 04/08/2025-12/31/2025
Happy Smith Mayor 12/26/2023-12/31/2026
Jed Skillman Mayor 01/23/2024-12/31/2026
Jared Anderson Mayor 02/05/2025-12/31/2025
Ryan Rodgers Mayor 02/05/2025-12/31/2027
Ken McWilliams Mayor 01/04/2024-12/31/2026
William Jewell Mayor 04/22/2024-12/31/2025
City of Madison acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretative services, alternative audio/visual devices, etc.) for participation in or access to City sponsored public programs, services and/or meetings, the City requests that individuals make requests for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service and/or meeting. To make arrangements, contact ADA Coordinator at 812-265-8300.

Gift exchange tradition grows tiresome

DEAR ERIC: How does one politely suggest to an in-law's relative that we don't need to exchange Christmas gifts? My significant other and I are at the stage in life where we really do not need more "stuff" and would rather not deal with gifts that are generic at best and usually are re-gifted promptly via donation or gift-economy communities.

R. Eric Thomas
Asking Eric



Perhaps I should suggest we only exchange consumables (gifts of homemade baked goods or gourmet food items), but that seems rather controlling.

This person has been nothing but kind to us in all our years of knowing them, but the awkward gift exchange is getting tiresome. I'm at a loss for how to deal with this and am hoping you have a delightful solution to this first-world problem. — Feeling Bah-humbug

DEAR FEELING: It can be deceptively easy to fall into these sorts of back-and-forths. And, as you surely can attest, it is hard to delicately extract oneself. It can feel like rejecting a kind gesture, which could result in hurt feelings or worse. But if you suggest an alternative in place of the traditional exchange, that "no" becomes a "yes, but." Even more importantly, it can be collaborative rather than controlling.

Try making a suggestion to your in-law about a different way of celebrating and asking their opinion. "Instead of the gift exchange this year, we'd like to bake you something. Is that something you'd be interested in?" This way, they're free to express their wants — and they might say "no thanks" — but they're also being encouraged to think more expansively about this tradition.

DEAR ERIC: I had a pancreas transplant in 2018. Due to this, along with celiac disease, I'm on a very restricted and medically controlled diet. There are very few things I can safely eat. However, I find during the holidays people attempt to make me special food during parties and get-togethers.

I normally do not eat at other people's homes due to food preparations and sanitary concerns for my transplant, as well as not being able to verify a gluten-free environment when the food was made.

How should I handle when people bring food to these gatherings or mention that they made me something special? I don't want to be rude because I know it was done in love, but I also don't want to get sick or

risk cross contamination. How should I respond without hurting someone's feelings? — Medically Compromised

DEAR MEDICALLY COMPROMISED: You and your medical team are the experts on keeping yourself healthy and safe. So, don't be afraid to be clear with friends about what you will and won't do. If bruised feelings occur, those friends may not be listening to nor believing you in the way that they need to, so the onus is on them.

When talking about your practices regarding food, frame them as universal, rather than personal, and non-negotiable. "It's so thoughtful of you to make me something. But I can't eat anything outside of the home because there are too many variables. It's not about you; I would eat it if I could and I appreciate the thought."

In some cases, it can be helpful to let your hosts know in advance, perhaps when you're RSVPing. "For the ease of your planning, I wanted to remind you that I don't eat outside of the home for medical reasons. So, no need to prepare anything for me. But don't worry: I'll have a wonderful time regardless."

DEAR ERIC: For years I've seen the same complaints about gift-receivers who are unhappy about the gifts they receive (ugly, wrong size, wrong style, not needed, not wanted, etc.) yet they cannot find a way out of this circle. For many years I was also on the receiving end of gifts that were lovingly wrapped and gifted. I understand that for many people the best part of Christmas is to send a beautifully wrapped and thoughtful gift.

I've discovered that when people ask, "what do you want?" and "I need a list for you/your family;" it's coming from a place of love, not to terrorize you. However, I also know that I am one of the lucky people that needs nothing and wants for nothing.

My response is to request gifts of sheets, towels, blankets, cookware, dishes, suitcases, etc. and I happily donate these items to a homeless or rehoming shelter. My relatives are none the wiser and I'm able to send a truly heartfelt thank you note with how much I love these thoughtful gifts. — Lucky to Need Nothing

DEAR LUCKY: This is a lovely solution. Others who are trying this tactic this year might also consider letting their loved ones know about the donation plan so that the loved ones aren't looking for that special Crockpot the next time they visit.

Send questions to *R. Eric Thomas* at *eric@askingeric.com* or P.O. Box 22474, Philadelphia, PA 19110.

Daughter-in-law's Friendsgiving overshadows family dinner

DEAR ERIC: My daughter-in-law decided a few years back to have a Friendsgiving dinner which she hosts a couple of weekends before Thanksgiving. She invites her family (as her mom has never done Thanksgiving) and then a bunch of her and my son's friends.

R. Eric Thomas
Asking Eric



In my mind I know this shouldn't bother me, but it does. I waited my "turn" growing up and having a family and to be the one to host Thanksgiving (my parents have both passed as has my husband's mom) and now I have my own grandchildren.

We still do the whole Thanksgiving dinner, but I don't feel it is as special as it was because now everyone has already had the traditional Thanksgiving meal that previously we only had that one time a year.

She always says "oh y'all are welcome to come, too," but I just can't get into it and feel resentment that I waited all the years to be the grandma to host the meal and now it is like feeding everyone leftovers.

Can you give me another way to look at this or some advice that will make me not as resentful about it? — Leftovers Anyone?

DEAR LEFTOVERS: This might be a cold comfort, but in my book, nothing hits better than a plate of Thanksgiving leftovers the next day. The way that you have to microwave it strategically so that the sweet potatoes don't become lava while the turkey gravy stays cold: an art form! Your mileage may vary, but the people around your table probably don't mind having a similar meal twice in one month. They might even enjoy it.

More importantly, remember that your daughter-in-law's Friendsgiving and your Thanksgiving serve different but equally important purposes. And neither is really about food.

It sounds like she's trying to create a gathering that she lacked growing up, while keeping the actual holiday as a special time to be with you. Meanwhile, you're reaching for a sense of tradition that was passed down to you, perhaps even as a badge of honor. These are both great aims and they're not in competition.

Because what you both want is to have the people that you love around you. That's a gift that you get to give yourselves and each other. Focus on that, and on how lucky you

are to get to see each other. It'll make the similarity of the menus seem like a delicious afterthought.

DEAR ERIC: Our son and his girlfriend of 24 years got married by a judge. It was a civil ceremony necessary to get him on her health insurance.

He approached my wife and me and said, "we're not into social media." I did not glean from this that he meant we should post nothing at all.

To share the good news with my friends, I did post one photo. Late the next night he texted us to take it down, saying "we asked you directly not to do this." I replied, I'm sorry, I didn't understand that I was not to post anything at all.

I feel bad because my son seems to feel he can forbid me from sharing this news with my friends. Many are longtime friends from church who have known my son for decades. It seems to me a little pushy for him to forbid me to share with my friends what I feel is good news. He seems to want to downplay it.

Should I not have made the post and leaned more toward caution? Should I have interpreted "we're not into social media" differently? I welcome your advice about how to perceive this situation and where to go from here. — Deleted Post

DEAR POST: Not to split hairs, but I quibble with your son's statement that he asked you directly not to post. He actually didn't ask you anything and the statement could be interpreted all kinds of ways. So, your confusion is understandable.

Given that, posting, as you did, isn't an unreasonable action. However, I'd be careful not to make too much of his request (or demand) that you take the photos down.

Yes, you are sharing with your friends, and you have a right to tell them good news, but the internet is not a closed lot and so sharing a photo on social media has a different potential impact than verbally telling a friend or even, say, including the news in a holiday card or letter.

Once a photo is uploaded, there's no telling what life it will take on. Even if that life is innocuous, it's fair for your son and daughter-in-law to want to have a say over what happens to images of their faces and their wedding day. You did the right thing by deleting it. Consider the whole thing water under the bridge.

Send questions to *R. Eric Thomas* at *eric@askingeric.com* or P.O. Box 22474, Philadelphia, PA 19110.

One letter stands for another.
In this sample — **AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW** — A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Feel sore
5 American Beauty flower
9 Say yes
14 __ seed
15 Empire of old Peru
16 Went on all fours
17 "Loose __ sink ships"
18 Sign of an old injury
19 Gin mixer
20 Illegible handwriting: 2 wds.
23 Sea urchin
24 Barnyard bird
25 Bob Marley's genre
28 Historical periods
30 Cleaning cloth
33 Rowing machine, for short
34 Egg dishes
36 Make a mistake
37 Social signal
38 Live and breathe
39 Movie visual tech: Abbr.
40 Loan quote: Abbr.
41 Animal, slangily
43 Compete in a footrace
44 Scoring units: Abbr.
45 Despise
46 Units of Indian currency
48 Texter's "haha": Abbr.
49 Director DaCosta
50 1997 Jack Nicholson film: 5 wds.
58 Plant's anchors
59 Disappeared
60 Unit of Iranian currency
62 Wipe chalk from
63 Consumes
64 Ice-cream holder
65 Book of maps
66 Dalmatian's marking
67 Wraps up

DOWN
1 Knee part: Abbr.
2 Fashionable
3 Low-cut jeans: 2 wds.
4 Making simpler
5 Put at stake
6 A single time
7 Glance over
8 Elephant's prominent features
9 Best __ (Oscar category)
10 React to a bad pun
11 Have a lease
12 Grand-scale film
13 Engrave on metal
21 Italian goodbye
22 "Idle" talk
25 Synopsis
26 Blow like a volcano
27 Green gem
28 Top-class
29 Take a breather
30 Leisure activity
31 Make a case in court

Today's solution

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32 Big smiles	51 Classify by type
35 Off ramp	52 Objective
41 Makes a selection	53 Refines, as wine
42 Step on a ladder	54 "General Hospital," e.g.
47 Stab with a needle	55 Fascinated by
48 " __ luck!"	56 Examination
50 __ rug	57 Hourglass filler
	61 " __ Misérables"

ACROSS
1 Pokes at
6 Soup holder
9 Flashlight battery type
14 Bathroom basin
15 Gold, in Spanish
16 "Titanic" or "Twister"
17 Piece of asparagus
18 " __ I Love Her" (Beatles song)
19 Not skilled
20 Puts on sale
23 Swimming-pool measurement
24 " __ to you!"
26 High-IQ group
27 Painted reaction
29 __ and pieces
30 Subject of discussion
34 Plural pronoun
36 Sense of self
37 SCOTUS justice Kagan
38 3-D hospital exam: Abbr.
39 Therefore
41 Financial wherewithal
42 Witty joke
43 Literary cliché
45 Cease-fire
47 Reads hastily
49 Dreary
50 Reasoning ability
52 Cemented
55 Gehrig of baseball
56 In armed conflict: 2 wds.
60 Spaghetti, e.g.
61 Author Rita __ Brown
62 Show to be true
63 Convinces
64 One or more
65 Planted seeds

DOWN
1 Viewer-supported network
2 Tear
3 Poem of praise
4 Makes numb
5 Pieces of tape

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42 Audi car	52 Google Maps tech: Abbr.
44 Bamboo-eating animals	53 Legal statute
46 Sums up	54 "Born in the __"
48 Actress Blair	57 Amaze
49 Animated show about the Heeler family	58 Broad street: Abbr.
51 Mortgage, e.g.	59 Stop sign's color

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HOLIDAYS LIKE A CHEESE LOG. — ELLEN
DEGENERES
SAYS NOTHING

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

— Trimble County junior varsity girls basketball defeated Lexington Christian 28-26 at home in its season opener on Tuesday.

Claire Litter scored 18 points for the Raiders and Alyssa Ritchie had five points. Trimble hosts Walton-Verona on Saturday.

— Shawe junior varsity boys

basketball defeated Medora 38-29 on the road on Tuesday.

Taylor Ralston had 10 points for the Hilltoppers and Clark Nichter scored nine.

Shawe, now 3-0, hosts Southwestern on Friday and hosts

Christian Academy of Madison next Tuesday.

— Shawe Junior High boys basketball split with Switzerland County at home on Wednesday. Switzerland won the seventh

grade game 28-14. Walker Alderman had five points and Jaylen Beatty had four for Shawe.

Shawe won the eighth grade game. Patrick Kahn had 17 points for the Hilltoppers and Tanner Sims had 16 points.

Calipari picks up his 20th win over Louisville, this time with Arkansas

BY ERIC W. BOLIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — John Calipari was in familiar territory Wednesday night. The only real change was the uniform.

Calipari's No. 25 Arkansas team beat No. 6 Louisville 89-80, handling the Cardinals from the opening tip. Louisville didn't lead once in the game. Calipari moved to 20-8 all-time against the Cards, with a majority of those wins coming when he coached Kentucky from 2009-2024.

With Calipari in just his second season in Fayetteville, he relied on a longtime Arkansas player to lead the way.

Trevon Brazile, in his fourth season with the Razorbacks,

was the only player who stayed on the roster when Calipari took over for Eric Musselman ahead of the 2024-25 season. Brazile scored 21 points, including 17 in the first half, on 8 of 11 shooting. His emphatic alley-oop dunk with 2:27 left extinguished Louisville's comeback attempt after the Cardinals had cut Arkansas' lead from 20 to four.

"Coach Cal, he took control of the last four minutes," Brazile said. "We didn't finish the game the right way versus Duke. He took initiative."

Arkansas led the Blue Devils with just six minutes left on Thanksgiving before Duke finished on a 19-7 run to win. Over the last seven minutes Wednesday, Arkansas outscored Louisville 17-15. Not a wide margin, but enough to avoid a collapse.

"We needed another good game like this to see where we've got to get better late in the game," Calipari said. "They made a run and made us make our plays."

Louisville (7-1) hadn't lost before Wednesday and led all of Division I in scoring margin, beating opponents by an average of 33 points. They also entered second in the country in 3-pointers, averaging 13 a game.

The Cardinals made just 8 of 37 from range. Louisville gave up a 14-3 run late in the first half that created a huge hole as it made just 1 of 9 of its shots during the spell. That allowed Arkansas to expand its lead from eight to 19 with less than four minutes left before halftime.

"First half, especially, we were very discombobulated,"

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IN THE MATTER OF THE STUCKER FORK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT AND CANCELATION OF ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT TO REPRESENT AREA ONE (1) SINCE SOLE NOMINEE IS UNOPPOSED.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STUCKER FORK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, OF SCOTT AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, INDIANA, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SAID DISTRICT SHALL BE HELD AT 4:00 P.M. EST, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025, AT THE OFFICE OF SAID DISTRICT AT 2260 N US 31, AUSTIN, INDIANA.

ADDITIONALLY ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF SAID MEETING TO BE HELD AS SET OUT ABOVE AND PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED AS PROVIDED BY LAW:

NAMELY THE ELECTION OF ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT TO REPRESENT AREA ONE (1) AS PREVIOUSLY ORDERED BY THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT – TO BE ELECTED FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 15, 2025. BRYSON SCOTT BEING THE ONLY PERSON NOMINATED PURSUANT TO LAW FOR SAID OFFICE OF DIRECTOR TO BE VOTED ON AT SAID MEETING.

NAMELY AREA ONE (1) FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS.

SAID NOMINEE HAVING FILED PRIOR TO THE STATUTORY DEADLINE OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 AND THEREFORE AS PROVIDED BY LAW THE SAID BRYSON SCOTT IS DETERMINED TO BE ELECTED AS PROVIDED BY I.C. 14-33-5-11.5 AS ADDED BY P.L. 16-2010, SECTION 2 ENACTED BY THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THEREFORE NO ELECTION SHALL BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025.
DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

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"When it was a close game, I knew I had to be clutch. But the other players helped out. We just got to get it done," Young said. "I was just trying to get the ball every time (on defense). I always try to flow over there, just in case the guy gets loose. So it's a big part of it. Just make the play."

While Young's play on the

field was important, as a senior it was equally important for him to provide leadership off the field. That role as a leader was what Jesop was most impressed with.

"I'd say, Alex Bailey and some of the other seniors were a little bit more vocal in their leadership, but Matthew is a lead-by-example kind of guy," Jesop said. "As we progressed through the year, he started being a little bit more vocal and realizing, 'Hey, you know, it's my last go round, and we need to

straighten up and get focused.' And so he did a good job leading the team."

Young isn't sure yet what he wants to do after high school. He's undecided on whether he will play football in college. He first wants to finish his degree in industrial maintenance at Ivy Tech and then maybe look at a four-year school, but he's still deciding.

"I want to play still, but I don't know if I will," Young said. "It just depends on where I want to go."

As the only coach in Switzerland County history, Jesop is uniquely qualified to judge Young's place in program history. And he knows where his senior stands.

"He's probably one of the best all-around players we've had," Jesop said. "There's been some good running backs back in the day, but they didn't have the experience that he did, for sure. So just overall, I'd say he's one of our top three players that we've ever had, for sure."

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